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### **Supervisors Approve Grants for Local Projects**

SAN BERNARDINO – The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors on April 13 approved grant allocations of more than \$676,000 in federal funds for several construction projects and service programs for First District communities.

The projects include funds for construction projects and repairs at parks and senior center facilities, street, drainage and sidewalk improvements and the purchase of playground equipment and firefighting equipment, in addition to funding services for youth, families, homeless, legal aid, crisis pregnancy, domestic violence, assault victims and senior nutrition and transportation.

“These grants will provide funding for important projects and services in our communities and will do much to improve the quality of life for our residents,” said Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the High Desert area. “These funds will help to ensure that facilities and vital services continue to be provided to our residents to help support and strengthen our communities.”

The federal funds are from the Community Development Block Grant program. The process to secure the funding allows time for public input to the proposed plan and once approved, grant funding will become available to the County after July 1, 2010, when the required grant agreements are signed and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development releases the funds.

First District communities that will benefit from projects and services provided by the funding are Adelanto, Barstow, Big River, El Mirage, Hinkley, Lucerne Valley, Needles, Oro Grande, Phelan, Piñon Hills, Searles Valley, Twentynine Palms, the Victor Valley and Wrightwood.

Below is a list of projects that were recommended for funding by Supervisor Mitzelfelt and received approval by the Board of Supervisors today:

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**Some First District Construction Projects:**

Assistance with purchase of a Fire Engine in Needles	\$29,401
Improvements to Twentynine Palms Community Center	\$90,000
Improvements to Knott's Sky Park in Twentynine Palms	\$20,000
Purchase of playground equipment at Norman Smith Park in Yermo	\$43,177
Purchase of two AEDs for Lucerne Valley Senior Center	\$6,000
Installation of fire suppression system at Adelanto American Legion	\$15,000
Construction of Sidewalks and wheelchair ramps in Barstow	\$30,000
Demolition of blighted structures in High Desert	\$50,000
Installation of commercial freezers at Newberry Springs Senior Center	\$10,000
Improvements to Midway Park in Lucerne Valley	\$40,000
Park improvements at Oro Grande Park	\$20,000
Installation of solar-powered street lights in El Mirage	\$15,000
Improvements to Hinkley Senior Center	\$10,000
Installation of street signs in unincorporated areas	\$85,000
Infrastructure improvements in Adelanto	\$69,000

**Some First District Public Service Projects:**

Lucerne Valley Senior Nutrition Program	\$8,000
Victor Valley Domestic Violence Shelter Services	\$5,000
Reach Out Morongo Basin Senior & Medical Transportation	\$5,000
High Desert Homeless Shelter Services	\$5,000
San Bernardino Sexual Assault Services – Barstow	\$8,000
Child Advocates of San Bernardino County – Adelanto	\$5,000
Hinkley Senior Nutrition Program	\$5,000
High Desert Domestic Violence Program	\$6,000
Moses House Ministries	\$10,000
Phelan, Piñon Hills, Wrightwood, El Mirage Senior Nutrition Program	\$40,000
Searles Valley Senior Outreach and Transportation Services	\$34,000
Bonnie Baker Senior Nutrition Program	\$5,000
Legal Aid Society	\$7,500